



## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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TO: School Administrators

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SUBJECT: Online Personal Finance Test

The online Personal Finance Test is now available for school district use in the following student scenarios:

- Students who are enrolled in a personal finance course: The online assessment is **OPTIONAL**. Participation, however, permits the district to evaluate student achievement with an assessment fully aligned to state standards.
- Students who are receiving personal finance credit from embedded coursework: The online assessment is **REQUIRED**. However, the pass rate is the district's decision.
- Students attempting to "test out" and receive personal finance credit toward graduation: The online assessment is **REQUIRED**. Students must attain a score of 90% or higher to receive personal finance credit. Students attempting to "test out" may attempt the test one time per testing window.

A **MINIMAL** district access fee provides for an unlimited number of students to take the online assessment. An invoice, based on the scale below, will be generated upon initial enrollment in the personal finance system:

Total District Enrollment	Yearly Access Fee
1-200 Students	\$100
201-400 Students	\$200
401-800 Students	\$300
801-2000 Students	\$400
2001-or more Students	\$500

The 2007-2008 school year assessment will be available during the following testing windows:

December 12, 2007 to January 31, 2008  
February 17, 2008 to April 11, 2008  
May 5, 2008 to June 30, 2008

The first required online Personal Finance Test will be administered from December 12, 2007 to January 31, 2008 to all students who currently receive personal finance credit from embedded coursework. The other two windows are available as stated above.

The online testing system, operated by MOREnet, will open today, December 12, 2007, so authorized district personnel may become familiar with the testing process and load student data. Districts must provide computer access for all test takers. The test consists of one 50-minute session. Testing groups may enroll on different days to accommodate multiple testing groups. Please note: Test forms vary so students' test screens may not look the same.

You should access a PDF version of the User Guide and Student Guide at the following web addresses:

[http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/mopfa\\_system\\_user\\_guide.pdf](http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/mopfa_system_user_guide.pdf)

[http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/mopfa\\_student\\_user\\_guide.pdf](http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/assess/mopfa_student_user_guide.pdf)

You must follow the instructions in these guides to successfully log in and complete the test. Log in at this address to set up your account: <https://pfa.missouri.org/>. (Refer to page 7 of the User Guide to obtain information on user name, password, and approval.)

The District Test Coordinator/Contact must approve the School Test Coordinator and Examiner prior to test administration. Please refer to the User's Guide for complete instructions.

Should you have questions regarding this online process, please email or call

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General inquiries about Personal Finance administration can be directed to 800-845-3545 or emailed to [webrepliesimperfin@dese.mo.gov](mailto:webrepliesimperfin@dese.mo.gov).